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Sir:

I hereby certify that the attached correspondence comprising:

- 1. Amendment Fee Transmittal (in duplicate)
- 2. Amendment (in Response to January 12, 2004) Office Action

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for the above-identified application in response to the Office Action mailed January 12, 2004.

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated January 12, 2004 be extended for a period of

[] 1 month a	t a fee of [] \$110 for a	large entity or	[x]\$55 for a	small entity

[] 2 months at a fee of [] \$210 for a large entity or []\$420 for a small entity

[] 3 months at a fee of [] \$950 for a large entity or [x]\$475 for a small entity from February 12, 2004 to March 12, 2004 The required fee for the extension is estimated to be \$55.

No additional claims fees are required.

Authorization is hereby made to charge the amount of \$55 to deposit account number 05-1135. No other fee is believed due in connection with the

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extension request. If any other fee or fees are due, however, authorization hereby made to charge the amount of any other fee(s) to Deposit Account No. 05-1135 or to charge any overpayment thereto.

A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111 (IN RESPONSE TO THE JANUARY 12, 2004 OFFICE ACTION)

Dear Sirs:

This is a response to the Office Action issued on January 12, 2004 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the January 12, 2004 Office Action was originally due February 12, 2004. This response is accompanied by a Petition to Extend Time.